

VI. (XLVIII.)

The deity is SOHA. ; the *\$i&M* is PaiaATHA, the son
of
the metre is *flrishtubh*, with the exception of v,
5, which is

1. May I, the wise and devout, enjoy the
delicious,
abundantly honoured *Roma* food, which
all gods and
mortals, pronouncing sweet, seek to
obtain.
2. Thou interest within,¹ and,
unimpaired, thou
avertesfc the anger of the gods ; *iSma*,
enjoying the
friendship of INDEA, mayest thou bring
us to wealth
as a swift (horse) its burden,
3. "We drink the *Soma*, may we become
immortal;
we have attained the light (of
heaven), we have
known the gods;² what now should the
enemy do
to us, or what, O immortal, should the
aggrieved do
to the mortal ?
4. O *Soma*, drunk by us, be bliss to
our hearts,
as a father is indulgent to a son or a
friend to a
friend; O *Soma*, worthy of wide praise,
do thou,
wise one, extend our years that we may
live.
5. May these glory-conferring
protecting *Sma*-
streams knit together my joints as
cows³ draw to-
gether a chariot falling in pieces ; may
they keep

¹ Sayana adds, "the heart or the sacrificial
chamber."

³ Sayana in his comment on this verse (Taitt. Sanhita, iii. 2. 5)

says that "the past tense is used in the sense of wish/¹ *dsamd-*

dyotanaya bhutdrthanirdesah.

³ *Gdvah* may equally apply to the *so»wf-streanis*, as the *Soma*

is mixed with milk, and may be thus considered the product of the cows.